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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Yasumasa MIZUSHIMA et al.
Serial No.: 10/008,443
Filed: December 3, 2001
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND INFORMATION
PROCESSING METHOD, NETWORK SYSTEM, RECORDING
MEDIUM, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM
Group A.U.: 2167
Date: January 15, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box DAC
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) in the above-identified application.

No fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

Total claims in excess of _____ previously paid for, at \$18 (\$9)

Independent claims in excess of _____ previously paid for, at \$84 (\$42)

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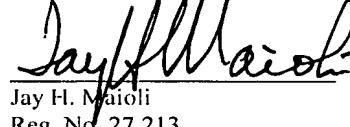
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The fee of \$_____ set by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for the Information Disclosure Statement is due and paid herewith.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION UNDER
37 CFR § 1.47(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box DAC
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR § 1.47(a) of August 22, 2002, Applicants respectfully request that the Petition Under 37 CFR § 1.47(a) be reconsidered.

The Assignee and all co-inventors of the above-identified application are residents of Japan, and the application and Assignment and Declaration originated there. Furthermore, the Statement of Facts in support of the Petition Under 37 CFR §

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1.47(a) submitted herewith was also prepared and signed in Japan.

In response to the deficiencies alleged in the Decision Refusing Status under 37 CFR § 1.47(a), submitted herewith as Exhibit A is a Statement of Facts in Support of the Petition Under 37 CFR § 1.47(a) detailing the actions taken in the continuing effort to present non-signing inventor Koji Hagioda with the English language patent application papers. The attached Statement of Facts is signed by Ms. Yoriko Konishi, the person who has attempted to present Mr. Hagioda with the English language application papers and to whom Mr. Hagioda has made an express oral refusal to accept the application papers.

Furthermore, the instant application is a convention application filed under 35 USC § 119 and is based on earlier-filed Japanese application no. P2000-371561, filed December 6, 2000. The instant application is a literal English language translation of that original Japanese language application. Koji Hagioda participated in the filing of that original Japanese application.

Therefore, Mr. Hagioda has, *prima facie*, seen and understood this application.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.47(a) have been complied with, and all reasonable options have been exhausted in the effort to secure Mr. Hagioda's cooperation in the execution of the above-identified application, without success.

Any deficiency or overpayment of any fees should be charged or credited to the Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Acceptance of this Request for Reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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Applicants: Yasumasa Mizushima, et al.

Serial No.: 10/008,043

Filed: December 3, 2001

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STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is a statement of the facts surrounding the attempts made to present joint inventor Koji Hagioda with the Application Papers and to secure Mr. Hagioda's signature on the Declaration in the above-identified application.

(1) I am employed as an executive assistant with Accenture Corporation, Tokyo, Japan, which is an assignee of the above-identified application.

(2) Mr. Hagioda is no longer an employee of Accenture Corporation. Mr. Hagioda was allowed access to all application papers and materials associated with this application during his employment with Accenture Corporation, and his participation in the filing of this application was requested prior to the termination of his employment.

(3) I have called Mr. Hagioda and requested his receipt of the Application Papers and his participation in this application on multiple occasions by telephone beginning in February, 2002 and continuing to the present. Answering machine messages left by me for Mr. Hagioda have not been returned. When contacted by telephone through these efforts,

Mr. Hagioda orally communicated to me, in Japanese, his refusal to participate in this application.

(4) Multiple requests for Mr. Hagioda's participation have also been made by me via electronic mail and post mail, beginning in February, 2002 and continuing to the present.

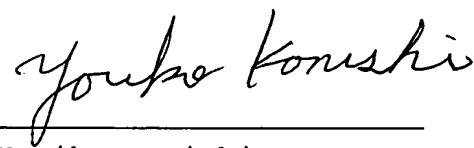
(5) Mr. Hagioda has received all of the application papers sent to him via post mail but has returned everything without reply and has refused requests to state in written form his desire not to participate in this application.

(6) The continued efforts to secure acceptance of the application papers for signature by Mr. Hagioda in this application have not been successful. Mr. Hagioda has refused to accept the delivery of the application papers or to cooperate, in any form, with any aspect of this application.

(7) Mr. Hagioda's last known address is 52-17, Minamikibougaoka, Asahi-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, Japan.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statement or the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of this application or any reissue patent issuing thereof.

Dec. 16, 2002
Date



Yoriko Konishi

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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

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Sir:

Applicants, through the undersigned attorney, hereby
petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend
the time for responding to the Decision Refusing Status Under
37 CFR § 1.47(a) mailed August 22, 2002 for three months from

October 22, 2002 to January 22, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$930.00 to cover the cost of this extension.

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,
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